

REMARKS

The present application was originally filed with 27 claims. Claims 1-12 and 20 were objected to because of specific informalities. Those informalities were identified in the Office Action and have all been corrected by the present amendment.

In addition, all of the claims (Nos. 1-27) were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Again, by the present amendment, each of the rejections set forth in the Office Action have been addressed by the present amendment. Accordingly, claims 1-27 should now all be allowable.

In addition to the changes required by the Examiner, Applicant has also amended the preambles of the various claims so as to consistently recite a trimmer head for use in flexible line rotary trimmers. Previously, most of the claims recited a flexible line cutting head for rotary trimmers. By the present amendment, the claim language in the preamble now more closely tracks the language in the specification. Such an amendment was merely for the purpose of clarity and was not intended to affect in any way the scope of any of the claims.

Finally, new claims 28-32 have been added to the application. Independent claim 28 is quite similar to independent claim 1 although it does not specifically recite the non-circular cross-section of the upper and lower portions of

the tubular member in the housing. The claim does, however, continue to recite the interference fits of those portions with the drive bolt and upper head portion of the cam member. In addition, new claim 28 does not specifically recite that the upper head portion of the cam member is disposed within the lower portion of the tubular member. It does, however, continue to recite that the upper head portion of the cam member is shaped so as to create an interference fit with the lower portion of the tubular member in the housing. New dependent claims 29 and 30 are similar to dependent claims 3 and 4 but depend from claim 28 as opposed to claim 1. New claim 31 is very similar to claim 1 and new claim 28 but does not make specific reference to the different portions of the drive bolt; refers to a walled channel defined by the housing as opposed to a tubular member; and somewhat more broadly recites the attachment of the retainer to the drive bolt. The remainder of new claim 31 is, including the recitation of the line feeding assembly, is essentially unchanged. New claim 32 depends from claim 31 and is virtually identical to claims 3 and 29. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these new claims also clearly define patentable subject matter over the art of record.

In view of the fact that each of the objections and rejections raised by the outstanding Office Action have been addressed in the manner suggested by the Examiner; that those claims were all indicated as being allowable if modified as suggested and as the new claims both comply with § 112 and clearly define subject matter over the cited art, it is believed that claims 1-32 should now all be allowed.

If, however, the Examiner believes that any new issues need to be addressed, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be contacted at 213-896-2510 so that those matters could be discussed and the prosecution of the application expedited.

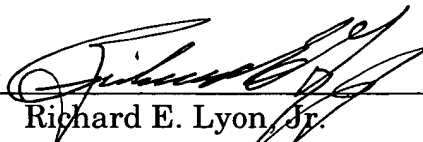
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